

Mono County Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mammoth Lakes Library – Upstairs Conference Room

400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA

March 9, 2015 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

CAPC Members Present: Barbara Miller - Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD)
Alex Ellis - Department of Social Services (DSS)
Cindy Duriscoe - Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA)
Curtis Hill - Mono County Probation Department (MCPD)
DonnaLisa Knowles – Parent/Community Member
Molly DesBaillets - First 5, Mono County (F5)
Sal Montanez - Mono County Department of Behavior Health (MCBHD)
Susi Bains – Wild Iris (WI)

CAPC Coordinator: Didi Tergesen- Mono County Office of Education (MCOE)

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Barbara Miller at 11:34 AM.
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Curtis Hill motioned to approve the December 8, 2014 meeting minutes with the correction to number 9: change “Mono County Child Care Commission” to “Mono County Child Care Council”. DonnaLisa Knowles seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- 5. CAPC By-laws:** Susi Bains motioned to approve the CAPC by-laws with the addition of page numbers. Cindy Duriscoe seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- 6. Special Projects Request for Proposals (RFP) Process:** CAPC members reviewed the RFP advertisement, Special Projects Application and discussed a process to elicit, review and decide upon funding proposals.

Cindy Duriscoe motioned to approve the CAPC Special Projects process: to have a standing agenda action item for CAPC Special Project proposals at each of the quarterly meetings, to include the use of the RFP advertisement and Special Projects application with updated dates and funding amount. DonnaLisa Knowles seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**
- 7. County Children’s Trust Fund (CCTF):** CAPC Coordinator shared the Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) fact sheet to be used while reviewing CCTF proposals. CCTF proposals need to comply with CBCAP requirements. CCTF proposals approved by the CAPC, will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for their review and approval in April.
- 8. CAPC Special Projects and County Children’s Trust Fund (CCTF) Balance:** CAPC reviewed eight proposals: Proposals A through H, discussed Special Projects and CCTF requirements, timeline restrictions of specific proposals, partially funding projects and recommendations of what to do if there is a balance left from approved funded projects at the end of the year. The 2014-2015 CAPC Special Projects Fund balance to be voted on is \$2,500. The County Children’s Trust Fund (CCTF) balance to be voted on is \$6,774. It was

determined that some proposals would not be able to be funded or funded entirely.

CAPC Special Projects and CCTF proposals:

- a. Wild Iris requested up to \$1,000 to help support supervised visitations.
- b. Mono County Library requested up to \$500 to purchase additional Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention materials for displays at the seven county library branches for April's Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- c. Wild Iris requested up to \$1,000 to conduct Child Abuse Prevention Month outreach and activities.
- d. Strengthening Families Team and Mono County Public Health Department requested up to \$250 to support the upcoming Strengthening Families Protective Factors Training on April 30th.
- e. Mammoth Lakes Police Department and Safe Kids, Mono Partners requested up to \$2,000 to purchase car seats for Child Passenger Safety check events and by appointment car seat checks.
- f. Wild Iris requested up to \$1,750 to support supervised visitation, WRAP, Differential Response and CASA efforts.
- g. North Star Counseling Center requested up to \$2,000 to provide counseling, Spanish language support for parents and purchase of parenting resources in English and Spanish.
- h. Mono County Office of Education, Adult Education Department requested up to \$1,585 to help support a five week Love & Logic Parenting Class, including teacher's salary, materials and free child care for participants.

CAPC Special Projects: Molly DesBaillets motioned to approve Proposals A, B and C be funded through the CAPC Special Projects Fund for a total of \$2,500. Proposal A was amended to state "supervised visitations", not "supervised home visitations". Curtis Hill seconded the motion. No Further discussion. All approved. **Motional Carried.**

County Children's Trust Fund (CCTF): Curtis Hill motioned that the CAPC recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they approve Proposals E, F and G entirely and Proposal H up to \$1,024 (a reduction of \$561 to be taken out of proposed child care costs). Molly DesBaillets seconded the motion. No further discussion. All approved. **Motion carried.**

End of Year Special Projects and CCTF balance: Susi Bains motioned that the CAPC recommend to the Board of Supervisors that any unused funds from the CAPC Special Projects and/or the CCTF be used to purchase food for IMACA's food pantry, for families in need. Molly DesBaillets seconded the motion. All approved. No further discussion. **Motion carried.**

9. Stakeholder Update on the Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (SIP): The SIP summarized gaps in Child Welfare Services (CWS) and created a plan to address these gaps over the next five years.

Recommended strategies include the following:

- a. **Strategy 1:** (CWS) Strengthen Administrative and Social Work Practices
- b. **Strategy 2:** (CWS) Improve Family Finding methods
- c. **Strategy 3:** (CWS) Enhance Reunification System Factors through Collaboration with County and Community Partners
- d. **Strategy 4:** (CWS) Improve and Enhance Social Worker practices and Community Resources regarding parent-child interaction/visitation by developing new resources and supports

- e. **Strategy 5:** (CWS) Improve and Enhance Social Worker practices and Community Resources regarding parent-child interaction/visitation by increasing the number of Professional Supervised Visitation Providers in the County
 - f. **Strategy 6:** (CWS) Implement Safety-Organized Practice (SOP) within CWS Practice
 - g. **Strategy 7:** (CWS) Increase the number of Foster Family Homes in Mono County
 - h. **Strategy 8:** (Probation) Develop a measurable transition and permanency process
 - i. **Strategy 9:** (Probation) Development of policy and procedure for transitioning youth and permanency
 - j. **Strategy 10:** (Probation) Implement Wrap Around process consistently
- 10. Department of Social Services Overview of Reporting Process and Update on Trends:** Alex Ellis presented a 2014 overview of child abuse reports for children age 0-5 in Mono County to share trends and areas of needed support. Neglect was the number one form of abuse reported with emotional abuse presenting as the second most common. Examples of neglect from the Welfare and Institutions Code 300: inadequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care and supervision. Emotional abuse is the hardest for CPS to prove in court.
- 11. Program Updates:**
- a. **Wild Iris:** Wild Iris exhausted their CAPIT and CBCAP funds for this year. They still have funding for parenting classes and are currently working with twenty-nine parents. Wild Iris is currently reviewing their program needs to prioritize future contract funding.
- 12. Update from CAPC Coordinator:** The Strengthening Families Team representing staff from First 5, Mono County Office of Education, Mono County Public Health, Mono County Department of Social Services and the Mono County Libraries applied for and received a "Training and Technical Assistance Grant" through Strategies. All are invited and welcome to attend the full day training on Thursday, April 30th, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Lee Vining Community Center. The training topic will be: Strengthening Families in Mono County through implementing the Protective Factors.
- 13. Child Abuse Prevention Month:** There will be Strengthening Families/Child Abuse Prevention Month displays at each of the seven library branches around the county. Molly shared Father Involvement posters to post. Wild Iris will be doing print and radio outreach and education.
- 14. Wild Iris' Youth Violence Prevention Program:** Wild Iris lost state funding that supported their Youth Violence Prevention Program (YVPP). They did receive funding through the Slager Foundation, a private foundation and have been able to fund a portion of their YVPP, including presentations at Mono County High Schools focused on Prevention of Teen Dating Violence, Healthy Relationships through Healthy Boundaries, etc.
- 15. Next meeting: June 8, 2015, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** at the Mammoth Lakes Library, Ellie Randol Reading Room.
- 16. Meeting adjourned at 12:58 PM.**
- 17. Respectfully submitted** by Didi Tergesen, Mono County CAPC Coordinator.